

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **ASSIGNING TASKS IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM**, the Specification of which:



is attached hereto.



was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____.

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PRIORITY APPLICATION(S)			Priority Claimed
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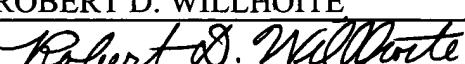
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